

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

**Ashley Cooper, *individually and as
parent of J.C., a child with a
disability, et al.,***

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 2:22-cv-2430

v.

Judge Michael H. Watson

**Steubenville City School District,
*et al.,***

Magistrate Judge Vascura

Defendants.

**Steubenville City School District
Board of Education,**

Plaintiff,

Case No. 2:22-cv-2484

v.

Judge Michael H. Watson

Michelle K McGuire, *et al.,*

Magistrate Judge Vascura

Defendants.

**Steubenville City School District
Board of Education,**

Plaintiff,

Case No. 2:23-cv-1259

v.

Judge Michael H. Watson

Ashley Cooper,

Magistrate Judge Vascura

Defendant.


ORDER

In Case Nos. 2:22-cv-1259 and 2:22-cv-2484 (“Cases 1 and 2”), the parties argue that they are, respectively, prevailing parties in an underlying administrative proceeding and, as a result, are entitled to attorney’s fees and costs from the other. See Amend. Compl., ECF No. 12, Case No. 2:22-cv-2430; Compl., ECF No. 1, Case No. 2:22-cv-2484.

In Case No. 2:23-cv-1259 (“Case 3”), the Steubenville City School District Board of Education challenges the merits of that underlying administrative proceeding. Compl., ECF No. 1, Case No. 2:23-cv-1259. It would seem, then, that which party is the “prevailing party” for purposes of Cases 1 and 2 depends on the outcome of Case 3.

Accordingly, the parties in Cases 1 and 2 are **ORDERED** to show cause **WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS** why Cases 1 and 2 should not be stayed pending the outcome of Case 3. In the alternative, if the parties in Cases 1 and 2 agree those cases should be stayed pending the resolution of Case 3, they shall file joint notices to that effect **WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



MICHAEL H. WATSON, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT